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SUBJECT: FRONT ROBBERY AND ABDUCTION IN ASMARA

1. LOCAL SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS (SIM) CHIEF COMBERS HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT E/PLF INSURGENTS ROBBED THE SIM MISSION ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF ASMARA SEPT. 11. FRONT STOLE AN ESTIMATED 10,000 TO 12,000 ETH. DOLLARS AND ABDUCTED TWO ERITREAN EMPLOYEES.
2. COMBERS GUESSES THAT EMPLOYEES MAY HAVE REQUESTED FRONT TO TAKE THEM PRISONER. IN OTHER RECENT ROBBERIES IN DECAMERE AND AT THE ASMARA COTTON FACTORY, ETHIOPIAN POLICE ARRESTED BANK AND FACTORY EMPLOYEES, PRESUMABLY FOR NOT RESISTING ROBBERY.
3. ONE SIM EMPLOYEE WHO IS BELIEVED TO HAVE CLOSE FRONT CONTACTS, RETURNED TO ASMARA SEPT. 12. HE BROUGHT A FRONT RANSOM DEMAND OF 10,000 ETH. DOLLARS FOR THE RETURN OF THE SECOND EMPLOYEE. SINCE THEN, FEMALE MEMBERS OF THE FRONT HAVE TWICE CONTACTED SIM ASMARA FOR A RESPONSE TO THE RANSOM DEMAND.
4. COMBERS IS PRESENTLY CHECKING WITH HIS INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS BUT BELIEVES SIM WILL MAINTAIN ITS HERETOFORE ADAMANT POLICY AGAINST PAYING ANY RANSOM WHATEVER.

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